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Dear George,

I finished the Marcello part of the HSCA report and I've read again the Church V-Schweiker report.

Both fall far short of fairly representing what is in FBI files alone on the Morgan/Mafia Plots/ kickback business.

I have about all the records referred to and some not referred to and have read them. In fact am seeking more and have appealed withholdings.

Touchstones are failures to mention Morgan's name, not identifying files and with HSCA not doing its own work but citing Schweiker's in the one graf devoted to this. (Blakey had his hangup, Schweiker a different one.) They don't even say that Morgan had been an FBI insoector and was on the FBI's "do not contact list."

When I've finished searching I'll have a separate file of copies of the relevant records I've located, if you are interested. I have copies of all located to now, which may be all, and expect to work on them in the a.m.

Both committees were incompetent and I think by intent. They did not even know where to tell the FBI to search for copies.

There was a good reason for Pearson's avoidance of going to the FBI with that story. It had him by the parts of his body that had created a problem for him. By an illegal raid, local police who worked it out in advance with the FBI, the FBI had copies of the bills Pearson paid for having an abortion for a woman who'd worked for him.

There was more than one version of the report of the FBI's Morgan interview. I have only the sanitized one. I think I've located the resting place of the other one.

Schweiker misquotes one part, where the unnamed Morgan is said to have described his ~~client~~ clients as of the underworld. In fact he referred to them as super-patriots and upstanding citizens of importance.

As I recall it the FBI did not interview Morgan until after Pearson's column appeared. I'm certain the White House directive that Morgan be interviewed did not follow closely upon DeLoach's first information to Marvin Watson. Column about 3/3/67.

What is not explicit but I think is the fact is that Morgan was putting out immunity feelers. If so why should the FBI have gone for it? Besides, it knew the whole story from Mahsu, for years, as I've told you.

It all fits nicely with the Blakey-Billings book effort.

Sic transit gloria Congress,